

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-01-05**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 2, 2006
Commission Meeting: **Thursday**, January 5, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. AT&T N2005.9.147 (Scott)

On September 27, 2005, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2005-14. The purpose of this filing is to grandfather the AT&T Small Business Option.

2. CenturyTel N2005.12.173 (Scott)

On December 12, 2005, Century Tel filed tariff Transmittal No. 05-06. With this filing CenturyTel is proposing to offer the following promotions: Caller ID Plus: For the period February 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006, customers who subscribe to Caller ID, Call Waiting and Call Waiting ID will receive the three

feature package price of \$8.95 per month. In addition, all applicable nonrecurring charges will be waived. Calling Features: For the period February 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006, the Company will waive the nonrecurring charges for customers who subscribe to any custom-calling or custom calling II feature. Access line: For the period January 10, 2006 through March 31, 2006, the Company will waive the nonrecurring charges applicable to the installation of residential or business access lines.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. Grid West Membership – Discuss joining Grid West. (1/5/06)

Other Meetings

1/5/05 – 1:30 p.m. – Hearing NorthWestern Energy Application for Automatic Rate Adjustment for Taxes and Fees

1/6/05 – 9:00 a.m. – Telecommunication Service Standards rules – Informal Meeting (Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest Corporation N2005.12.180 (Gary)

On December 28, 2005, Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreements (MSA) between Qwest and Cendant Operations, Inc. Qwest is filing this MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also

pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed Proprietary cost support. The MSA is the result of negotiations between Cendant and Qwest for ISDN Primary Rate Service and ISDN Single Line Service in Qwest's fourteen state incumbent territory. The services purchased by Cendant from Qwest are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2005.12.174 - Level 3 Communications, LLC - Petition for Arbitration of an interconnection agreement with Qwest Corporation

N2005.12.175 - CenturyTel - New Promotions

D2005.12.176 - Black Hills Power - Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider

D2005.12.177 - Energy West - Application respecting the Uniform System Benefits Charge and the Annual reconciliation of Gas Costs for the period ending June 30, 2005

D2005.12.178 - Northern Telephone Cooperative - Petition to Extend the Suspension of the Local Number Portability Requirement

D2005.12.179 - Big Mountain Water Company - Request for Tariff Modification

N2005.12.180 - Qwest Corporation and Cendant Operations, Inc. - Master Service Agreement